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**LETTER ACCOMPANYING AMENDMENTS UNDER ARTICLE 34**

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Written Opinion mailed September 13, 2000. Enclosed are replacement sheets 173-175 and 182.

The changes requested herein serve to amend the claims.

**AMENDMENTS**

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend claims 15-19, 22, and 73 as follows:

15. A method for removing undesirable flue gas components, said method comprising:
- (a) combusting coke comprising sponge coke in an amount in the range from about 40% to 100% by weight and having volatile combustible materials in an amount in the range from about 13% to about 50% by weight;
- ([a]b) [injection of] injecting conversion reagents into flue gas with